

SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

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You are listening to Amateur Radio Station ZS6SRL of the South African Radio League, the National Society for Amateur Radio in South Africa, with a news bulletin that is broadcast every Sunday at 08:15 Central Africa Time (CAT) in Afrikaans and at 08:30 CAT in English.

This bulletin is also available on the website of the SARL at www.sarl.org.za, on packet bulletin boards and on Echolink from Chris, ZS6FCS. We are also pleased to announce that, for the near future, Willem, ZS6ALL, has offered to relay the bulletin on 3 695 kHz SSB instead of 3 725 kHz AM with Marten, ZS6ZY, as a stand-in. Many thanks to them. As this is not a permanent arrangement, offers from other volunteers with good reception from the 145,725 MHz repeater in Pretoria will also be welcomed. Please submit your offers to George, ZS6NE, by email to gth@absamail.co.za.

SILENT KEY

The Midlands Amateur Radio Club regrets to announce the death of TREVOR JOHN KELBRICK on Sunday 19th June 2005. Trevor started his career in amateur radio whilst living in Salisbury (now Harare) in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), graduating from a good buddy on CB to a skilled Ham operator. Trevor (formerly ZS5ABV and Z21GI) died of cancer after many months of illness. He leaves a wife, Pamela, a son, a daughter, and several grandchildren. Condolences to all his relatives and friends. Rest in peace old friend.

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In the news today:

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SOUTHERN AFRICAN PSK CONTEST

Stay tuned for more detail on these and other news items. Visit the SARL Web site or call the SARL office, which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00 at 011 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

SARLNews depends on clubs and individuals for news of interest to radio amateurs. The one and only way to ensure that your contribution reaches SARLNews is to place it in the correct place on web site of the SARL, which is www.sarl.org.za/newsinbox.asp not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. There is no guarantee that your contribution will reach SARLNews,

or be included in a bulletin, if it is sent in any other way or later than Thursday evenings. It will also be appreciated if you could do it in both Afrikaans and English.

You are listening to ZS6SRL and the news follows in detail.

SA AMATEUR RADIO DEVELOPMENT TRUST CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE SIEMENS RADIO AMATEUR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Here is an opportunity to recognise a radio amateur who has made a major contribution to the Amateur Radio Service. The SA Amateur Radio Development Trust is inviting nominations for the Siemens Radio Amateur of the Year Awards. There is a senior and junior category.

The senior award recognises the support and development of the Amateur Radio Service in South Africa. It is not for individual achievements such as DXCC and other operational awards or contests. The recipient will be a person who has given of his or her expertise and time to the promotion and/ or technical enhancement of Amateur Radio in South Africa.

The junior award is made to a young Radio Amateur, under the age of 25 years, who has excelled in promoting and developing the Amateur Service amongst his or her peer group. The candidate must have displayed initiative and good sportsmanship, with exemplary operation on the Amateur bands amongst peers.

The winners will receive a certificate and a cheque for R1 500, sponsored by Siemens Telecommunication, and a copy of the latest ARRL handbook sponsored by ECS. The closing date for nominations is 31 July 2005. The awards will be presented at the SARL Radio Technology Open Day on 20 August.

Full details and a nomination form can be found on www.amateurradio.org.za.

GAREC RECOMMENDS ESTABLISHMENT OF HF EMERGENCY FREQUENCIES

The first Global Amateur Radio Emergency Communications conference, GAREC 2005, was held in Tampere, Finland, on 13 and 14 June, under the umbrella of the IARU. Forty-five delegates from seventeen countries gave presentations on the amateur radio emergency service of their own countries and described some of the major emergencies in which they have been involved.

The view of the Conference was that progressively more international co-operation would be needed as time goes by and GAREC 2005 agreed a formal recommendation that the next competent conferences of IARU Regions 1, 2 and 3 should consider the establishment of a Centre-of-Activity Frequency for emergency traffic in the 15, 17, 20, 40 and 80 metre bands.

The entire proceedings of the conference, including all the slides and other recommendations, will be posted on the IARU website www.iaru.org/emergency/summary.html in due course and plans are in hand for further GARECs.

IARU FUND TOPS R17 000

This week the SARL IARU fund topped R17 000 and currently stands at R17 241. This means that there is now R4 241 available towards sending delegates to the September IARU Region 1 conference. Thanks go to Dave Smeda, ZS1FR, Ben Bresler, ZS6ANZ, PC Beneke, ZS4PE, Klaus Bonow, ZS6SU, M. Drinkwater, ZS1ACH, Peter Olhaus, ZR6AIH, Sarel Nel, ZR6QC, Boleslaw Halas, ZS6RQM, Bruce Robinson, ZR1BDR, Archibald C. Doty Jr, W7ACD, Jack, ZS5FA, B G Rowan, ZS6BK, Dr Emil Bohme, ZS6EGB, Samuel Fourie, ZR4DU, LA Petersen, ZR1TRY, and Hennie Fourie, ZS6AMC.

Contribution can be made by electronic transfer to the SA Amateur Radio Development Trust, ABSA Menlyn, account number 560 142 722, Branch code 335 645. Please fax the deposit slip with your details to 012 991 5651 or email details to saardt@intekom.co.za. Visit www.amateurradio.org.za for a full list of donors.

HF DOCUMENTS FOR IARU REGION 1 CONFERENCE

The 26 HF documents to be discussed during the IARU Region 1 conference in September are available in PDF format from Dennis, ZS4BS, whose email address is zs4bs@netactive.co.za.

SOUTHERN AFRICAN PSK CONTEST

This afternoon the first Southern African PSK Contest, hosted by the Lichtenburg ARC, will be run from 13:00 to 16:00 UTC with activity around 14,070, 7,035 and 3,620 MHz. The contest is open to all radio amateurs in South Africa and neighbouring countries.

There are two categories, single operator, all band, high power (21 to 100 watt) and single operator, all band, low power (20 watt or less). The exchange is RST and a serial number. Contacts with a station in the same call area counts 1 point, contacts with a station in a different call area counts 3 points and a DX contact counts 0.5 points. Log sheets must be submitted within 14 days after the contest and can be sent by snail mail to LARC, PO Box 410, Lichtenburg, 2740.

PEARS ANNUAL VHF DIGITAL AND MICROWAVE CONTEST

The Port Elizabeth Amateur Radio Society (PEARS) will be staging its annual VHF Digital and Microwave Contest on the weekend of 1 - 3 July 2005. This contest is open to all amateurs in South Africa as well as the six neighbouring countries: A2, C9, V5, Z2, 3DA and 7P. The rules for this contest can be found on the SARL website at www.sarl.org.za.

The contest is divided into two 24 hour sessions, the first running from 18:00 CAT on Friday 1 July until 18:00 CAT Saturday 2 July, and the second leg from 18:01 CAT Saturday 2 July until 18:00 CAT Sunday 3 July. Stations may operate as fixed, field or rover class including single, multi-operator or club stations as desired; thus 9 categories. The scores of each band will be multiplied by the number of grid squares worked on that band.

Come and join in the fun on VHF Digital!

OAKDALE ARC MIDYEAR FLEA MARKET AND OPEN DAY

On 9 July, all radio amateurs, their families and friends in the Western Cape are cordially invited to the Oakdale midyear flea market and social gathering.

This will take place at the Oakdale Club complex in Bloemhof Street, near Bellville. The event will be held under cover so that the event cannot be spoiled by uncertainties of the Cape winter weather. Tables for the flea market will be made available on a first come basis and as usual, a wide range of lunches will be available from the kitchen and bar facilities will be available. For those wishing to braai, indoor fireplaces are also available.

The facility opens at 12:00 but the flea market will not start until 13:00. The Cape Town 145,750 will be manned, also from 12:00, for those needing directions to Oakdale. We look forward to seeing you.

BARC 40 METRE CONTEST

On Sunday 24 July 2005, the Boland Amateur Radio Club will run the BARC 40-Metre Contest. It is a phone only contest, running from 15:00 to 18:00 CAT.

PROPAGATION REPORT

Kobus, ZS6KOB, reports that propagation conditions remain weak and prospects for the coming week are not much better. The sun spot number on Thursday was 25,2 compared to the 44,7 of the previous week. There is little to no activity on the surface of the sun, not even in the visible area. We will have to make peace with the very bad conditions.

DIARY OF EVENTS

26 June - Southern African PSK Contest; 1 - 3 July - PEARS VHF Digital and Microwave contest; 9 July - Oakdale Midyear Flea Market 24 July - Boland ARC 40-metre Contest;

The SARL invites you to listen today at 10:00 to Amateur Radio Mirror International on 17 565, 7 205, and 7 082 kHz and many 2 m repeaters in different areas. A repeat broadcast can be heard on Mondays at 21:00 CAT on 3 215 kHz.

Telkom and Sentech sponsor ARMI.

This then brings us to the end of today's bulletin, which was compiled by Dennis, ZS4BS, and read byfrom..... as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

You have been listening to ZS6SRL and thank you for having joined us. Also many thanks to those persons who supply news for our bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone.

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